

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed March 7, 2008 has been received and reviewed. Claims 1-24 are in the case. Claims 1-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Applicant submitted a response to Office Action on June 9, 2008. Applicant expresses appreciation to the examiner for the interview courteously granted on September 4, 2008.

In the interview, the examiner expressed the sentiment that the amendments seemed to read on vertical integration systems generally and did not appear to distinguish over the art. No new art was cited. Chu was relied upon almost exclusively, with Ryan only for limited purposes.

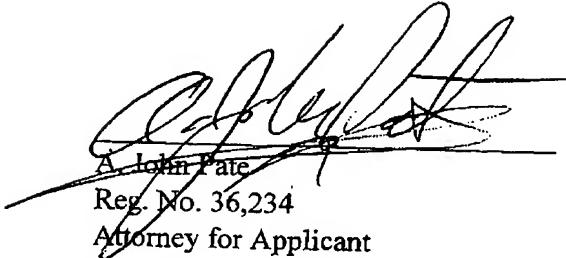
By this paper, claims 1, 13, 17, and 20 have been amended. For the reasons set forth below, claims 1-24 are believed to be in condition for immediate allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is, therefore, respectfully requested.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully reasserts that the examiner has not found nor shown in the cited references, the elements required by the recited claims in the Response to Office Action filed on June 9, 2008. Moreover, Applicant by the amendments herein has further narrowed the scope and further avoided the prior art of record for the same reasons stated in the aforementioned Response of Office Action of June 9, 2008.

In the event that the examiner finds any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of any of these claims, which could be clarified in a telephone conference, the examiner is respectfully urged to initiate the same with the undersigned.

DATED this 8 day of September, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,


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